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SUBJECT: KOREA AT UNGA

REF: NICOSIA 1677; STATE 162623

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY DIR GEN VENIAMIN BELIEVES THAT DOWN THE LINE SUPPORT OF USG POSITION COULD CAUSE CYPRUS SOME PROBLEMS. HIS CONCERN IS THAT, HAVING SUPPORTED US EFFORT PAST TWO YEARS TO DEFER KOREAN SEATING ISSUE WHILE WE LET THEM WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SHIFT TO POSITION OF VOTING FOR ENTRY OF TWO KOREAS IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION BY ONE. CYPRUS WOULD PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL IT CAN SUPPORT A POSITION REFLECTING SUCCESS OF INTRA KOREAN NEGOTIATING.

2. AFTER SOME HORSE TRADING, VENIAMIN SAID HE BELIEVED HE WOULD INSTRUCT CYPRUS DELEGATION TO TAKE FOLLOWING POSITIONS. (THIS IS TENTATIVE PERSONAL VIEW NOT YET CLEARED.)

(A) ABSTAIN ON DUAL SEATING ON GROUNDS THAT CYPRUS

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INSUFFICIENTLY INFORMED ABOUT KOREAN PROBLEMS TO TAKE

POSITION;

(B) SUPPORT POSITION THAT UNCURK SHOULD BE DISSOLVED
WITHOUT PREJUDICE;

(C) SUPPORT RETENTION OF UNC ON GROUNDS THAT BASIS OF
PRESENT ARMISTICE SHOULD NOT BE DISTURBED WHILE PROCESS
OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE CONTINUES.

3. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, I MENTIONED THAT PRC HAD NOT
IN PAST SEEMED PARTICULARLY ILL DISPOSED TO CONTINUED
EXISTENCE OF UNC, AND THAT IT ACTUALLY HAD FAVORABLE WORDS
FOR NNSC. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, VENIAMIN SAID PRC
EMBASSY HAD SHOWN NO INTEREST IN KOREAN ISSUES.

4. VENIAMIN WAS CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID A REAL
CONFRONTATION WITH USG ON KOREAN ISSUES BUT EQUALLY ANXIOUS
TO PRESERVE NON ALIGNED STANCE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH ALL.
HE SOLICITED MY REACTION. I EXPRESSED MY UNDERSTANDING
OF COMPROMISE PROPOSITION, BUT SAID I WOULD REFER TO
WASHINGTON.

5. COMMENT: GOC DOES INDEED FIND IT DIFFICULT TO
TAKE A PARTISAN POSITION IN THE FACE OF NORTH KOREAN
OPPOSITION AND IN LIGHT OF ITS EFFORTS TO CULTIVATE
ITS OWN RELATIONS WITH PRC AND SOVIET UNION.
WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO HAVE SUCH
NON ALIGNED SUPPORT ON UNCURK AND UNC ISSUES AND
RECOMMEND THAT WE GO ALONG QUIETLY WITH CYPRIOT
ABSTENTION ON DUAL REPRESENTATION.
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